

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figs. 1-4. The changes are described in the remarks section of this paper.

Attachment: 4 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicant acknowledges and appreciates receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on 6 January 2004.

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-5 and 9 have been allowed. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The drawings were objected to for having inappropriate cross hatch patterns. A new set of drawings is attached in four replacement sheets. Each of the drawings has been amended to show appropriate cross hatch patterns. That is, the cross hatching now indicates the resin material of the outer hub 101, the rubber damper 9, and the output hub 8. Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn.

The disclosure was objected to for several informalities. Each of the items listed in numbered paragraph 4 of the office action has been corrected by the above amendments to the specification. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to under rule 1.71 and 1.75(d)(1) for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the subject matter of claim 2, lines 10-12. In response to this objection, the cited section of claim 2 has been clarified. This section of claim 2 is based on

page 17, lines 4-9, of the specification. In view of the clarification of this claim, the applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.


Claims 6-8 of the specification were objected to because of the reference to "a hub member" in claim 6. It was said to be unclear whether the hub member in claim 6 is the same or different from the hub member in claim 1. Claim 6 has been clarified to recite that the output disk of claim 6 serves as the hub member that was previously introduced in claim 1. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 6-8 were said to be allowable if corrected to overcome this objection. Therefore, claims 6-8 are considered to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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